

House Resolution No. 697

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic technological, lifestyle, and social changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Eunice Dawson of Grant City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-ninth Birthday with a special celebration at Orilla's Way, where she was presented with a cake from staff members and a lovely rose arrangement and gingerbread from Carolyn Rush; and

Whereas, on January 21, 1904, in the Redding area, God brought a special gift to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wells with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Eunice, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Eunice Dawson made her formal debut in 1904 along with such notable people as pianist and bandleader William "Count" Basie, Hollywood actor Cary Grant, and children's author and cartoonist Theodore Seuss "Dr. Seuss" Geisel; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Eunice Dawson was born the same year that James Barrie's play Peter Pan was produced in London, the New York City subway opened for the first time, and the 1904 World's Fair was held in St. Louis; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Eunice Dawson had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Wade Dawson (deceased); and

Whereas, a devoted wife and exemplary homemaker, Eunice Dawson further distinguished herself as a teacher at rural schools in the Nation and Allendale areas; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 99, Eunice Dawson is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Eunice Dawson at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Eunice Dawson, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 697, adopted March 5, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker